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THE LAWLESS TENDENCY.

It is not a pleasant topic, but we do not think the press of the State can perform a more serviceable duty than to lend its efforts to counteract the tendency manifested within the past few years to make light of law, or make its extreme administration a popular pastime. Lynch law is an exotic North Carolina, coming on with the importation of many other foreign importations of extreme humanitarian doctrines. For, after all, without a doubt, lynch law relates back to that fantastic tenderness for human life which had its first development in the attempt to abolish capital punishment, ending at last in investing the bloodiest criminal with the sanctity of the martyr, or the attributes of the hero, drawing to him the sympathy and the justification of men and the adoration of silly sentimental women. But underneath this sickly sensibility, there was a strong undercurrent of strong passion which viewed crime in its naked deformity, or weighed it in the scales of unflinching human judgment, and measured it by the standard of natural justice; to be inexorably punished according to that standard if the legal authority to whom the dealing with crime had been formally delegated failed in its duty. It is such failure that has made lynch law the popular recourse; and man, by nature a blood-thirsty animal, delights in the power that reverts to his hand, more ready to exercise it as each additional triumph furnishes new example both of ability to do his own free will, and of his own wild natural passion, and escape altogether the consequences of his crime committed in general, secret combination.

The great danger to society, to law and order, is the quiet submission of the authorities to the dictation of the mob. It is taken on trust, that what is done by a body of men in disguise and in the darkness of the night is the just and righteous expression of the popular sentiment; it is accepted as proper retribution to the tribunals of the law, because they do not execute the mandates of the law with certainty, severity and impartiality, and it is assumed that what is done by a mob cannot be visited by punishment upon any one, or any number of those detected in the perpetration of an act of mob violence. This is a mistake which the sooner corrected the better. If any one is made to fall a sacrifice for the sins of his co-conspirators, then the law is put in the way of resuming its rightful power and influence. Each and all, jointly and individually, are equally guilty, and, when any participant is proven to have been guilty, and receives the punishment meted out by law to a single individual act of crime, then there will be more circumspection in engaging in these diabolical conspiracies. They are conspiracies, as conducted, with all the environments of disguises, secrecy, and darkness. The conspirators are afraid and ashamed to make open avowal of their purpose, and of their deeds. If they have done otherwise, if they plan and strike openly above board, then society has reached that point when it needs renovation; the law has sunk to that inefficiency where it needs abrogation; the just time and occasion for revolution has come.

There is no such crisis in society, or in the laws. The acts to which we refer are those of impotent, lawless, often revengeful bad men. They are men who dare not confront the majesty of the law, men who cannot truthfully assert that they are wronged.

The title of lawlessness must be turned. The legally constituted authorities must act with vigor and promptness.

We beg to call attention to the following extract from the report of Attorney General Davidson made to Governor Seales, dated December 22, 1888, and by him transmitted to the legislature at its ensuing session. The report is written with Mr. Davidson's usual vigor, clearness and ability.

After referring to the administration of Governor Seales as one characterized by general good order throughout the State, and the regular and just administration of justice by the courts, he says:

"I regret, however, to observe that within the last year or two a disposition has been manifested in some localities, by evil or misguided men, to resort to the barbarous and wholly unjustifiable methods known as 'lynch law' to punish crime.

"These methods have, happily for our people, been hitherto confined to other States whose modest boast it has been to claim for their citizens a monopoly of those virtues which are supposed to represent the highest forms of modern civilization. They can never be justified except in an abnormal condition of society which does not and never has existed in North Carolina.

"The facilities for the speedy, but humane administration of the law are abundantly ample for all the legitimate demands of social order. It is a significant circumstance, usually accompanying these outrages, that those who are engaged in their perpetration usually invoke the darkness of the night, the protection of disguises and the association of numbers sufficient to guarantee them from danger in the performance of what they would have the world believe was a grave duty."

The Attorney General then says, as a motive for some of these lynch crimes that there was reason to believe, in one case, that it was instigated by persons really guilty of the offence punished by the mob to divert suspicion from them-

selves; and, in another, that "one of the victims of the mob was wholly innocent of the crime charged, but was executed solely because it was feared that he recognized some of the persons engaged in the lynching of a fellow prisoner."

The Attorney General closes this branch of the report with the following remark: "It will be an evil day for our people when they submit quietly to surrender the orderly administration of the law, as provided by themselves in their constitution and statutes, to irresponsible midnight mobs."

Aroused by the growing frequency of these unjustifiable mob murders, we look to the executive and to the courts to exercise all diligence in the detection and punishment of the offenders; and, if the courts have been the occasion of offence by indulgence of practices that obstruct, impair or deny the strict impartial administration of justice to the extent of making punishment uncertain, partial or unobtainable, so as to furnish pretext to popular violence, we call upon them to mend their ways. History has many pregnant lessons to teach what the North Carolina people are capable of doing with their rulers and their courts when fully convinced that their rights are wantonly denied or trifled with.

In the quiet of everyday life, the strongest man that comes to the front to make proclamation that human capacities still have existence, with very faint impression upon us, that such is really the fact, is the politician, and we are apt to conclude that all great men have gone before us, and that it will never be our lot to see in our coming days the Clays, the Websters, the Calhouns of civil fame, or the Napoleons or the Wellingtons of military immortality. Perhaps not to such exalted degree, nature is slow to repeat and renew such models; but at least experience has proved that she is neither slow nor niggard to supply men very far above the human average when the occasion calls for it, when the exigencies of society demand a leader or a deliverer, and when it is in such ferment as bring all its elements into effervescent activity. Then some man of superior mental endowment is sure to be thrown to the top, to be seen at once in his true worth, to be recognized and accepted spontaneously and instinctively as the man for the crisis. Such a one seems to be John Harris, leader of the great London strike, a humble man by birth, a lowly man by occupation, self-educated, self-trained, but a man so trained, so skilled, so cool, so resolute, so sagacious and so audacious as to have brought to center with him in council, lord mayors, cardinals, bishops, magistrates of all kind. Truly the humble citizen may both be feared as well as respected as he in whose hands may be placed the moulding of new destinies for the greatest, most substantial, and thus far, best ordered empire of modern times.

"The white population in Texas increases more rapidly than the black. In 1880 the white population of the State was 1,197,217, colored, 394,312. In 1877 the figures were: White, 1,619,459; colored, 395,576, showing a vast increase of the whites, with a trifling increase of the blacks in seven years."

So says an exchange. The statement made might have been taken hold of by the recent conference of the African Methodist church, to which a report was made, and unanimously adopted, in which it was gravely set forth that "from brethren have been murdered by the thousands in the South, and something must be done to put a stop to this crime against God and humanity." Of course nothing but wholesale murder can account for this wide disparity in the increase of the races. The assertion made in the report is a good example of a lie well stuck to.

South Carolina has probably had more cases of lynch law than North Carolina. We make no boast of our inferiority in the race. The way things are going, we shall soon be "neck and neck" literally. But we wished to call attention to a fact stated by the News and Courier of the 13th, that in the Fourth judicial district of South Carolina four murderers have been convicted by law, for murder, three of whom were white. This proves what can be done if the courts will do their duty. As the News and Courier says, "the fault is not in the law, but in its enforcement." We do not mean to mitigate in the slightest degree our condemnation of lynch law. But it must be admitted that it can urge a pretext for its exercise in the lax administration of the recognized constituted law.

It may be witty, it certainly is not wise, to apply to the outrage of a mob execution the trivial name of a "hanging bee." It urges gross deprivation of sentiment to apply to cruel and cowardly deeds exercised by disguised malefactors the same pleasantness used in characterizing an innocent popular amusement. It is thoughtless use of words, but it is dangerous conjunction of ideas. We hope the press will learn to disuse and countenance such levity.

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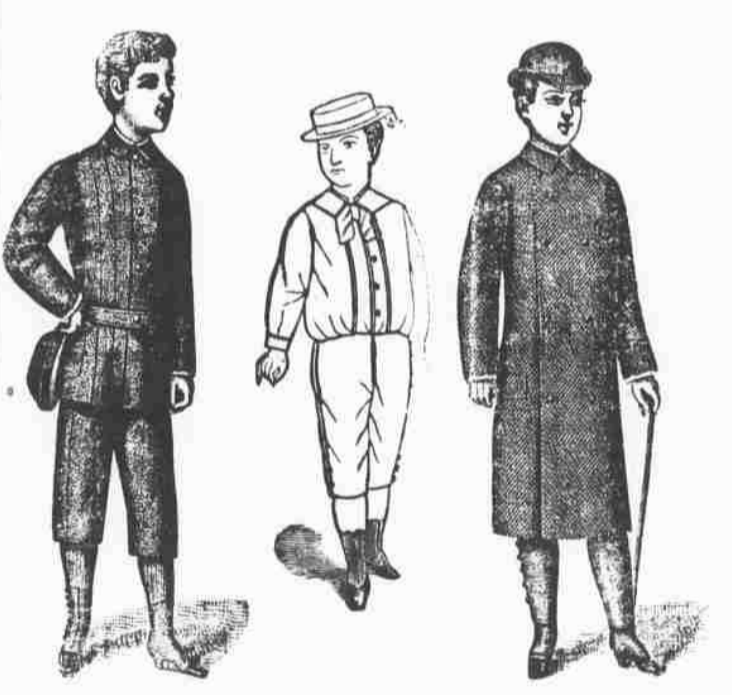
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